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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY HOLBROOKE FROM STERN

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: SREF KS

SUBJ: INDOCHINESE REFUGEES

REF: (A) STATE 183239, (B) STATE 183305, (C) SINGAPORE 3335

1. I AND MEMBERS OF EMBASSY STAFF WILL CONTINUE TO DISCUSS THE QUESTION OF INDOCHINESE REFUGEES WITH ROKG. WE HAVE HAD SEVERAL CONVERSATIONS AT VARYING LEVELS AND WILL ENSURE THAT ALL THE MATERIAL RECEIVED ON THIS MATTER IS PROVIDED TO APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS.

2. JUST TO ENSURE THAT WE UNDERSTAND THE SITUATION CORRECTLY, I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE CONFIRMATION THAT THE 7,000 "BOAT REFUGEES", WHICH ARE NOW BEING CONSIDERED FOR PAROLE, DO INCLUDE THE REFUGEES NOW IN ROK. WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE YOUR SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS ON THE DEMARCHE TO BE GIVEN TO THE ROKG SO THAT WE WILL HAVE A CLEAR IDEA OF THE POINTS WHICH YOU WISH US TO EMPHASIZE. AS I AM SURE YOU RECOGNIZE, THE PERMANENT

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RESETTLEMENT OF THESE REFUGEES IN SOUTH KOREA IS A VERY DIFFICULT PROBLEM FOR ROKG, WHICH IS NOT HELPED BY THE REFUGEES UNANIMOUS OWN PREFERENCE TO BE RESETTLED IN THE UNITED STATES, CANADA, AUSTRALIA OR FRANCE. ROKG HAS BEEN FORTHCOMING TO DATE IN ALLOWING REFUGEES TO LAND ON TEMPORARY BASIS AND IN CARING FOR THEM ONCE LANDED. ROKG POSITION IS, I AM SURE, DUE IN

GREAT MEASURE TO AWARENESS OUR DEEP INTEREST FATE OF THESE REFUGEES. I AM CONCERNED, HOWEVER, THAT RECENT ACTION BY SINGAPORE IN REFUSING ADMITTANCE TO REFUGEES RECOVERED BY A KOREAN VESSEL (REF C) WILL HAVE ADVERSE IMPACT IN SEOUL. NEVERTHELESS, WE WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE OUR VIEWS KNOWN ON EVERY POSSIBLE OCCASION AND PRESS FOR CONTINUATION OF PRESENT ROKG POLICY OF ALLOWING LANDING ON TEMPORARY BASIS.

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